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SUBJECT: TAW CONTRACT IN ZAMBIA

REF: STATE 027376

1. NAIROBI DAILY NATION MARCH 29 PRINTED FOL ARTICLE, ATTRIBUTED TO REUTERS AND DATELINED LUSAKA MARCH 28, UNDER HEADING QTE DAR-LUSAKA TRANSPORT DEAL OFF UNQTE: QTE: A. ZAMBIA HAS DECIDED TO SEEK LEGAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS FOLLOWING THE CANCELLATION OF HER CONTRACT WITH THE AMERICAN THOMAS A. WOOD TRANSPORT CO., THE TIMES OF ZAMBIA HAS REPORTED.

B. A SPOKESMAN FOR TAW DECLINED TO COMMENT ON THE REPORT.

C. THE PAPER SAID THE ADVICE TO SEEK LEGAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE UN WAS GIVEN BY UN REPRESENTATIVES HERE. IT ADDED THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE HAS ALREADY ACTED UPON THE ADVICE.

D. ZAMBIA SIGNED A LEASING AGREEMENT WITH TAW FOR 300 TRUCKS IN FEBRUARY, 1973, TO MOVE GOODS ON THE DAR ES SALAAM-LUSAKA ROUTE FOLLOWING THE BORDER CLOSURE WITH RHODESIA EARLIER THAT YEAR.

E. BUT LAST MONTH THE ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT CANCELLED THE CONTRACT. THE TIMES ALLEGED THAT TAW HAD SUPPLIED
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ONLY 62 VEHICLES.

F. THE NEWSPAPER SAID ZAMBIA HAD HAD TO FALL BACK ON AIRFREIGHTING. IT ALSO SAID THAT SO FAR ZAMBIA HAD PAID TAW 1.6 MILLION KWACHA (L 1.1 MILLION) UNDER OHE LEASING AGREEMENT. UNQTE

2. E.A. STANDARD CARRIED ABBREVIATED REUTERS VERSION MENTIONING THAT TAW SPOKESMAN HAD SAID ALL PRESS QUESTIONS WOULD BE ANSWERED QTE AT ANOTHER PRESS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD LATER. UNQTE

3. COMMENT: WOULD APPRECIATE UPDATING OF INFO CONTAINED REFTEL TOGETHER WITH ANY GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT AND OPIC CAN PROVIDE ON PRESENT STATUS TAW OPERATIONS AND OPIC COVERAGE. ANYTHING ON POSSIBLE IMPACT ZAMBIAN DEVELOPMENTS ON TAW STAFF AND BUSINESS ACTIVITIES IN KENYA WOULD BE ESPECIALLY WELCOME, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW UPCOMING APRIL 4-8 VISIT HERE BY OPIC PRESIDENT MAYS. SUGGEST MAYS BE BRIEFED ON CASE, IF STILL IN WASHINGTON.
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